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FACING GOVERNMENT CHARGES

Jailed Millionaire Troubles Mounting

JOAN JELKE
Victim of Beating

WILLIAM THORESEN III
Problems Mounting

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Millionaire William E. Thoresen III, owner of a well-defended San Francisco mansion, last night spent another evening in the county jail but his attorneys hope they can get him out of the pokey today.

Thoresen, son of a Chicago steel tycoon, was arested by sheriff's deputies Monday morning after he allegedly clobbered Joan Jelke, 31, ex-wife of convicted panderer Mickey Jelke, wealthy son of an oleomargarine manufacturer.

Mrs. Jelke sustained a broken nose as a result of the altercation and when Thoresen was being questioned in regar to the Strip hotel incident, he allegedl tried to bribe two sheriff's detective with $10,000 in new $100 bills.

He was arraigned in Justice Court yes terday afternoon on two counts of briber and assault with intent to do great bodil harm, with Atty. Harry Claimorne repr senting him.

Claiborne asked for a preliminar hearing and Justice of the Peace Herma Fisher set Oct. 18 as the date for th hearing, one day before Thoresen is du to appear in U.S. District Court to answ

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22 indictments accusing him of violations of the National Firearms Act.

Federal officers took Thoresen into custody last April and placed him under $55,000 cash bond after they discovered that his $200,000 mansion was well protected with 29 tons of assorted armaments, ranging downward from an anti-tank gun and mortar to automatic weapons of smaller caliber.

Thoresen, who also is represented by Las Vegas Atty. Ray Little, was preparing to leave the Clark County jail after posting $5,500 on the local charges when Sheriff Ralph Lamb's turnkeys received a telephone call from San Francisco reporting that U.S. Dist. Judge Lloyd H. Burke had revoked Thoresen's bail on the government charge.

A no-bail warrant was sent by the Federal Court and Thoresen yesterday afternoon was arraigned before acting U.S. Commissioner Cal Magleby who advised him of his rights and notified him that a hearing on his removal to San Francisco would be held in Federal Court here Aug. 31.

Claiborne said he and Little would take action today in Federal Court to see if bail could be reinstated so that his client could leave the county jail where he has ben accorded the same treatment as other prisoners.

This treatment includes being stripped and "dusted" (just in case the prisoner might have vermin), then outfitted with county jail coveralls and slippers.

When Thoresen appeared in Justice Court, however, he was wearing a gray suit, blue stripped shirt and blue tie. Although state prisoners in the prisoner's box were handcuffed, Thoresen's well-manicured hands were free of binding manacles.

They later were put on when U.S. Marshall Bev Perkins escorted Thoresen back to the county jail.

Detectives said Thoresen might have walked out of the county jail on bail had he not protested against having his fingerprints taken. Before he gave in, the lawmen said, the notification of the federal detainer had arrived.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Jelke was questioned about circumstances leading to the alleged attack but officers were mum on what she told them.

She did confide, however, that she had divorced Jelke in July and came to Las Vegas a month ago to ply her profession as a dance instructor or to obtain employment as a cocktail waitress.

Her former mate, Mickey, 38, gained national attention in the mid 1950s when he was tried in New York for his participation in a call girl racket.